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Dear Miss McAlinden:

No. 1 - Is certainly an Oenothera of the Evening-Primrose Family, Onagraceae. It looks to me as if it probably is the common, widespread species of moist places, Oe. hookeri T. & G. I would need more material to be sure of the species, also some information about the habitat. I know nothing about the economic uses of the seed but can see no reason why small seeds like these, produced in such abundance, should not be excellent for quail feed.

No. 2 - Are the subtending bracts and flowers of the linden (lin, lime-tree, basswood, etc.), genus Tilia of the Basswood Family, Tiliaceae. It might be Tilia cordata Mill., Little leaf linden, or T. x europea L., European linden. The latter is a hybrid of T. codata x T. platyphylla Scop. Both the little leaf and European, as well as the American linden, T. americana L., are offered for sale by California nurserymen. I should think that it could be ~~sold~~-grown successfully in the San Joaquin Valley. We have a good specimen of T. cordata from a tree on the Stanford Univ. campus.

I am sorry I cannot be more definite about the specific identifications but the material supplied by your correspondents is sometimes on the skimpy side though I do approve of the fruit and seed and inflorescences supplied this time. It makes identification to genus rapid and easy.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Thorne